

The 129th annual meeting of the Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association convened at 1:00 P.M. on Saturday, March 21, 1998, at the school lunchroom of the Springfield Schools in Springfield, Colorado with President Milton Rink presiding.

Jim Schleining gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by the Southeast Junior Cattlemen's Association. Jeremy West, President of the Springfield Chamber of Commerce, then welcomed our group to Springfield. Doug Hasser then presented a talk on his trip to Russia.

Wade Zimmerman of the Beef Council reported on the Beef Check-Off. This program is not to make an individual profitable but is designed to sell our product. He also stated that the exports are not down as much as was believed.

Pricilla Sharp, from the Colorado Cattlemen, said that everyone should support the check-off as it would support the cattlemen. Marilyn Weber, Southeast Colorado Cattlemen, gave the group an overview of that organizations activities throughout the past year. Kimmi Lewis of Arkansas Valley Cattlemen reported that they have brand napkins for sell. They are 200 for \$15.00.

Fred Hefley representing the Colo. Ground Water Commission reported on their different issues.

Doyle Davidson of the Colorado Boys Ranch thanked all the cattlemen, cattlemen, and junior cattlemen for their support of the ranch. There are 66 boys from 12 states at the ranch with 20% being from Colorado.

Keith Lewis, President of the Southeast Colo. Junior Cattlemen, reported on the new officers of the Juniors and on planned activities for the coming year.

Miles Davies, CCA past president, and Pam Gray of CCA membership were in attendance.

Bill Means representing the state brand board reported on the changes that will be taking place July 1, 1998. There will be a \$10.00 minimum charge for up to 25 head. There is a statute change on abandoned brands, being after 5 years they will be researched then put up for public action.

Mel Depra, DOW officer, reported there are 2 new officers in our area. There is one in Two Buttes and the other one in Kim.

Kimmi Lewis, CCA Game & Fish steering committee, reported that bill HB 1291 was dead. She also reported on bill HB 1397, that at the present time the first 15% of licenses go to the landowner. The new bill will be set at 50% to the landowner.

Russell Rosier, USDA wildlife service, reported on the aerial hunting of coyotes. Presently involved in the program are the following counties: Bent, Otero, Crowley, Baca for three months, and Las Animas and Pueblo for six months.

Being no further reports to be given, President Milton Rink called the business meeting to order.

Kerry Hartshorn made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the last meeting. Seconded by Bill Gray. Motion carried.

As there was no old business to act on, Kerry Hartshorn gave the Audit Committee Report. Bill Sparks made a motion that the audit report be accepted. John Smartt seconded the motion. Motion carried. The Budget for 1998 was presented. Bill Sparks made a motion that we accept the budget. Seconded by Doug Hasser. Motion carried.

The Bent-Prowers Endowment Trust Report was given. Corwin Brown moved and Ross Nielsen seconded that we accept the Endowment Trust report. Motion carried.

Kimmi Lewis moved that we accept resolutions 1 & 2 and submit them to CCA. Karren Turner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Titles were as follows:

1. Beef Check Off program
2. Concerns about beef surplus in the United States

Steve McEndree, Nominating Committee Chairman, then presented the list of officers and directors nominated for the 1998 Board of Directors. They were as follows:

President-Milton Rink

1st Vice President - Bruce Fickenscher

2nd Vice President - Bill Gray

Secretary/Treasurer - Jo Ann McEndree

Past Presidents - David Mendenhall, Hans Hasser, & Steve Ptolemy

Prowers County Directors - Dale Seufer, Kerry Hartshorn, Marilyn Pettinger & Billy Downen

Bent County Directors - Joe Kasza, Lori Chase, Dave Miller & Dave Turner

Baca County Directors - Steve McEndree, Keith VanCampen & Sam Mundell

Kiowa County Directors - Greg Shalberg, Dale Butler & John Negley

Otero County Directors - Chi Bond, Ross Nielsen, Karren "Sparky" Turner & Rob Proctor

Steve McEndree nominated Wade Zimmerman to be added to Prowers County Directors slate. Steve McEndree moved the nomination cease. Joe Kasza seconded the motion. Bill Gray moved to amend the motion to strike Wade Zimmerman's name from the slate at this time. Corwin Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried. The first motion was then voted on with it being carried.

Adin Mizer moved that we accept resolution #3 titled: Water Quality Control. Johnnie Weber seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jo Ann McEndree

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BENT-PROWERS RESOLUTION #1

WHEREAS: Cattlemen have benefited from advertising and research that has been funded by the Beef Check-Off Program.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: the Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association, CCA and NCBA continue to support the Check-Off Program.

BENT-PROWERS RESOLUTION #2

WHEREAS: The Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association has very serious concerns about the surplus of beef in the United States, that are driving our cattle prices down.

LET IT BE RESOLVED: the members of the Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association urges the United States Department of Agriculture and the State of Colorado to ease our market decline by increasing their beef purchases for all government food programs, including school lunch programs, federal and state prisons, and veteran facilities.

BENT-PROWERS RESOLUTION #3

WHEREAS: Water quality control is and will be an issue in the future.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that CCA continue to be actively involved in insuring that membership is not adversely affected.

BENT-PROWERS RESOLUTION #4

WHEREAS: Since our last annual meeting, many of our beloved and valued members passed to their reward. We who remain, have enjoyed and benefited from their association with us and we are saddened by their absence.

AND WHEREAS: We share in the sorrow of their families and loved ones and to their memory we pledge to support the principles which these great men and women have firmly instilled in our association.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: We, the members of the Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association, now stand to take a moment to memorialize our deceased members.